CLAIMS

- 1. A pre-impregnated material comprising:

 a textile substrate; and

 resin adhered to said textile substrate,

 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a
 uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 2. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 3. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 4. A pre-impregnated material comprising:

 a textile substrate; and

 resin adhered to said textile substrate,

 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has
 an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 5. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 4 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 6. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 4 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 7. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 4 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.

- 8. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 9. A pre-impregnated material comprising:

 a textile substrate; and
 resin adhered to said textile substrate,
 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness exceeding 300 microns.
- 10. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 11. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 12. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 13. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 12 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 14. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 12 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 15. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 16. A pre-impregnated material comprising: a textile substrate; and resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is at least 70% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.

- 17. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 18. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 17 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 19. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 20. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 19 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 21. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 19 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 22. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 19 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 23. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 24. A pre-impregnated material comprising:
 a textile substrate; and
 resin adhered to said textile substrate,
 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a
 thickness less than 50 microns.

- 25. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 26. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 25 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 27. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 28. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 27 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 29. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 27 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 30. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 27 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 31. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 32. A pre-impregnated material comprising:

 a textile substrate; and

 resin adhered to said textile substrate,

 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is less than 10% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.
- 33. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein the weight of said resin is less than 5% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.

- 34. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 35. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 36. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 37. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 36 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 38. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 39. A pre-impregnated material comprising: a textile substrate; and resin adhered to said textile substrate,
- said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a size spectrum which extends over at least two orders of magnitude.
- 40. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 41. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 40 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 42. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.

- 43. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 42 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 44. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 42 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 45. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 42 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 46. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 47. A pre-impregnated material comprising:

 a textile substrate; and

 resin adhered to said textile substrate,

 said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin
 includes particles having a density spectrum which extends over at least one order of

magnitude.

- 48. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 49. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 60% of the thickness of said textile substrate.

- 51. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 50 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.
- 52. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 51 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness.
- 53. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 50 and wherein said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation less than 2% of its average thickness along its width.
- 54. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 47 and wherein said resin has an impregnation depth of at least 80% of the thickness of said textile substrate.
- 55. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 56. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 57. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 58. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 59. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 1 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 60. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is fully melted.

- 61. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 62. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 63. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 64. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 9 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 65. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 66. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 68. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 69. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 16 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 70. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 71. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.

- 72. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 73. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 74. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 24 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 75. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 76. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.
- 77. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 78. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 79. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 32 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 80. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is fully melted.
- 81. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is partially melted and partially in particulate form.

- 82. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers.
- 83. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers having different thicknesses.
- 84. A pre-impregnated material according to claim 39 and wherein said resin is formed as a plurality of resin layers formed of different resin materials.
- 85. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a uniformity of thickness having a variation of less than 5% of its average thickness.

86. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness exceeding 300 microns.

87. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is at least 70% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.

88. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin has a thickness less than 50 microns.

89. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that the weight of said resin is less than 10% of the weight of said pre-impregnated material.

90. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a size spectrum which extends over at least two orders of magnitude.

91. A laminate formed of a plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material, at least one of said plurality of layers of pre-impregnated material comprising:

a textile substrate; and

resin adhered to said textile substrate,

said pre-impregnated material being characterized in that said resin includes particles having a density spectrum which extends over at least one order of magnitude.